

Gwaltney

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James
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Phillip Moady apt guard 175-6.

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Josiah West Cathom - Nathan Barnes gard.

to set each dinner of all Mary 1776.

Gwaltney - Bell

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Surry County, Virginia, Will Book No. 1, 1792-1804, pages 250, 251 and 252.

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Will of Thomas Gwaltney; Legatees: - son-in-law Benjamin Bell; grandson, Benjamin C. Bell, a negro boy Ned; daughter, Sarah Holleman, money; daughter Rebecca Phillips, money and side saddle; daughter, Martha Cofer, a negro girl Catherine and money; son-in-law Benjamin Shelly, cash; daughter Anne Cofer, four slaves named Rose, Sam, Mandy and Levi(?) daughter Polly Gwaltney, four slaves named Nelson, Topsy, Dampy and Jiney; son Thomas P. Gwaltney, plantation on which deceased lived adjoining Bryant, Zachariah Phillips, Thomas Cofer, Joseph Cofer; also gives slaves Klimas, Benjamin, James and Dickey and Bell; son Ludwell Gwaltney, plantation where Zachariah Phillips lives adjoining Sarah Cornwell, Lemuel Bailey, Mary Woodwell, on Reedy branch, John Cornwell, Thomas Cofer; also gives five slaves Gady, Chancy, David, Lewis and Anicha; daughter Nancy Gwaltney three slaves, Hannah, Sharper and Mandy, Hannah's child; wife Sarah, during her life the slaves Jack, Jimmy and Elias and after her death to daughter Nancy Gwaltney; give slaves Old Tom and Old Cate their freedom; four youngest children Polly, Thomas, Ludwell and Nancy Gwaltney; sons to receive survivor land of each other. Executors: - wife Sarah and son Thomas P. Gwaltney.

Dated: 25 November 1797

Recorded: January 23, 1798

Witnesses: John Gwaltney, Joseph Davis and William White

The executors, John Gwaltney and William White, present the will to the court and it is ordered to be recorded. Sarah Gwaltney, widow and relict of deceased, appeared in court and renounced all benefit which she might claim of the deceased under the will.

(Note by Hugh S. Watson, Jr., 2114 Chestnut Avenue, Newport News, Virginia, abstractor of above will: Since the will did not mention the name of daughter who married Benjamin Bell but mentions Benjamin Bell, son-in-law, the daughter must have died; the will mentions grandson Benjamin C. Bell; Benjamin Bell then married Martha _____ Warren, widow of Lieutenant Jesse Warren. Since Benjamin C. Bell was brother of Sally C. Bell, then their mother (?) was a Miss Gwaltney, daughter of Thomas Gwaltney of the above will. This will proves that the first wife of Benjamin Bell, died before her father, Thomas Gwaltney, wrote his will. I don't recall that this has been brought to light before. We do know that Jesse Phillips Warren, son of Lieutenant Jesse and wife, Martha _____ Warren, did marry his step-father's daughter, Sally C. Bell of Surry County, Virginia; and we know that Sally C. Bell was a daughter of Benjamin Bell. Why did Sarah Gwaltney in the will renounce all benefit of the will unless she was the second wife of Thomas Gwaltney? Where did the name Ludwell come from?)

Children of Thomas Gwaltney (died 1797-8) and first wife _____ were:

a. a daughter _____	married	Benjamin Bell
b. Sarah	married	Holleman
c. Rebecca	married	Phillips
d. Martha	married	Cofer
e. a daughter	married	Benjamin Shelly
f. Anne	married	Cofer
g. Polly	married	
h. Thomas P. Gwaltney	married	
i. Ludwell Gwaltney (son)	married	
j. Nancy	married	

The will of Benjamin Bell, sr., of Surry County, Virginia, dated 18 May 1821; legatees, wife, Martha (second wife, and widow of Lieutenant Jesse Warren), 14 slaves, Jacob, Mike, Panny, Fed, Cary, Brew, Cajah, Vicy, Hannah, Reuben, Rhody, Norsum, Sam and Willy and her dower rights in estate of Jesse Warren, deceased.

Son: Benjamin C. Bell, plantation whereon he (Benjamin C. Bell) now lives, formerly belonging to William Harrison and Thomas Davidson, also negro man named Ned (this was evidently the negro boy willed to Benjamin C. Bell in his grandfather, Thomas Gwaltney's will of 1797 and now spoken of as negro man in 1821).

Granddaughter: Cynthia Shelly

Grandson: Ervin Shelly

Plantation and land name Carter's

Grandson: William Shelly

Daughter: Cherry Warren

Daughter: Sally C. (Bell) Warren

Executor: son, Benjamin C. Bell (qualified 6/25/1821)

Witnesses: Josiah Holloman and John Holloman

Dated - 5/18/1821

Recorded - 6/25/1821

On 23 July 1821 - Benjamin C. Bell, Josiah Holloman and James W. Wheadon gave bond for the estate of Benjamin Bell, sr.

(Note by Hugh S. Watson, Jr., of Newport News, Virginia: - the above proves that Benjamin Bell, sr., above and Benjamin C. Bell mentioned in the will immediately above were one and same father and son named in the will of Thomas Gwaltney of Surry County, Virginia, in 1797-8 and that the first wife of Benjamin Bell, sr., had died before 1797 when Benjamin Bell, sr., married second, Martha _____ Warren, widow of Lieutenant Jesse Warren of Surry County, Virginia) (Who was James W. Wheadon mentioned above?)

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BELL

Family of Surry County, Virginia

- 1797 - Benjamin C. Bell - - Thomas Galtney in his will dated in year 1797 leaves a bequest to his grandson, BENJAMIN C. BELL. (Surry County, Virginia, Wills Book 1792-1804, page 250).

(Note by Hugh S. Watson, jr., of Newport News, Virginia - If Benjamin C. Bell was grandson of Thomas Galtney, then the mother of Benjamin C. Bell was Miss Galtney; Benjamin Bell, sr., was the father of Benjamin C. Bell and the latter was a son by the first wife, Miss Galtney; Benjamin Bell, sr., married second Martha () Warren, widow of Lieutenant Jesse Warren of the Revolutionary War of Surry County, Virginia; among the children of Lieutenant Jesse Warren and wife Martha was a son, Jesse Phillips Warren, who married Sally C. Bell, daughter of Benjamin Bell, sr.; this would show that step-brother and step-sister married one another) (before the parents married second)

Benjamin C. Bell was the son of Benjamin Bell

(Reference: From some notes by Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman, sr., of Smithfield, Virginia)

- 1821 - Benjamin Bell, sr.: - Will of Benjamin Bell, sr., to wife Martha, to son Benjamin C. Bell, the plantation where he now lives, formerly belonging to William Harrison and Thomas Davidson; executors to sell land called "Carter's"; granddaughter Clarke(?) Shelly; grandsons Evan and William Shelly, the land where William Thomas formerly lived and the land on which I now live including my late purchase from the estate of Martha Bell; one-fourth personal property to Benjamin C. Bell; one-fourth to Cherry Warren; one-fourth to Sally C. Warren; and one-fourth to my three Shelly grandchildren.
Dated - June 25, 1821
Recorded: - May 18, 1821
Witness: Josiah and John Holloman
Security for Benjamin C. Bell, Josiah Holloman and James W. Whendon
(Surry County Wills Book 1815-1824, page 510 - Virginia)

- 1796 - Benjamin Bell married Martha Warren on October 15, 1796.

(Surry County, Virginia, Marriage Register, page 9)

(Benjamin Bell married Martha Warren, widow of Lieutenant Jesse Warren)

- 1751 - Benjamin Bell: will: - son Micajah; son Benjamin (not of age); son John; daughters Lucy, Martha and Anne
Wife, executrix
Dated

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Servy Tho Gwaltney - 11-25-1797
1-23-1798 - son-in-law Beny Bell, g-son
Beny. C. Bell, dau Sarah Holliman
dau. Ret. Phillips, dau Martha Coffin
son-in-law Beny Shelly, dau Ann
Coffin, dau Polly Gwaltney, dau Nancy
Exs wife Sarah + son Tho. P. Gwaltney
with John Gwaltney, J. R. Davis